

## BLUE STAR FAMILIES OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA SOME OF THE THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED IN 2020

Dear Blue Star Families,

I wanted to pass along the appreciation of over 2,500 Airmen, Marines, Sailors and Army personnel for your awesome care packages. They made it to our tiny installation in Kuwait. We have especially enjoyed the GS cookies and the toiletries. We have been on "lock down" [due to Covid-19] for a few months now and so the ability to resupply is limited. Your care packages were some of the first items to arrive once airflow restarted from the USA. What a welcome piece of home. Personally, I appreciated the kind words of support and encouragement.

If you ever wondered if your care packages made it...they did. If you ever wondered if they are needed...they ARE! Thank you for your continued support as we continue to support you from afar.

God Bless and stay away from COVID!

Michelle S.

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Good Morning,

My flight and I just wanted to say thank you so much for the care packages! We really appreciate all that you do and all of those who put these together in these tough times. Attached is a photo of my flight and me with our favorite Girl Scout cookies!

Thanks again,

Josette S.



Dear American Patriots,

We recently received the wonderful gifts you sent to our team in Afghanistan. Your thoughtful notes and letters were very well received by all! Your continued support throughout this mission provides us all inspiration. Thank you to all the awesome folks who contributed.

Brian M.

Climb to Glory 19<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division

To all who support us American Soldiers,

I am completely speechless from the love and support you all sent to my unit here in Eastern Afghanistan. My soldiers all enjoyed a box of cookies as well as a couple of letters from the beautiful souls who took the time to write them. You all have gone through many sacrifices since we've been here with the whole COVID-19 situation and other heartaches but that didn't stop y'all from supporting us. We are all sending our love back to you all! Thank you so much and please thank the other associations who helped put these packages together.

Very Respectfully,  
Brianna J.



Good Morning, we have received a ton of packages from your organization. All of my handlers are incredibly thankful for everything. It was truly like Christmas morning here watching them all open boxes and get excited and trade snacks back and forth. Thank you all again. (Photo below)

V/R,  
Joshua F.



Dear Blue Star Families of Central Virginia:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful CARE package. It was such a wonderful thing to receive. Of course my friends and I enjoyed the snacks, but it was your thoughtful notes that meant the most. A beautiful mixture of normal and extraordinary. I can't capture how much it meant to me. But, thank you.

Micah S.

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Ma'am,

Good morning! We will certainly get a more formal thank you out shortly, but I wanted to let you know that the boxes started arriving today. Thank you so much...everyone is excited to get them! I'll get a card for all to sign, but wanted to tell you thanks...everyone's kindness is much appreciated.

Happy Holidays!!!

Joseph S.

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Dear Blue Star Families of Central Virginia,

Thank you so much for the lovely CARE packages. We've enjoyed the treats and are certainly thankful for your thoughts and prayers. Merry Christmas from B 1-168 Aviation! I am the one on the left in the photo.

Sincerely,

Will F., Virginia Military Institute '08



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I'd like to thank you and all involved with sending my son a care package. He received it yesterday and called me excited saying finally some American snacks 🍪 🍪 He wanted me to tell you all he really appreciates it and everything else you all do for people who serve in the armed forces. He also said he was the first to receive a care package so he was like "Dad, the guys were swarming me looking at all my stuff. You would have thought I had a million dollars, lol." It really made his day, and again thanks so much.

John T.

Thank you kindly for the wonderful CARE packages. The airmen, soldiers, and marines here greatly appreciate it (we don't have any sailors currently attached to us). Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We are grateful to all who helped make these packages possible. Please pass along my gratitude especially to Cub Scout Pack 183. I grew up in Cub Scouts. I went through the whole program and earned the rank of Eagle. Since then I have been active as a scouter serving as a den leader, cubmaster, and many other positions in both cub scouts and boy scouts. Seeing that they helped make these care packages made me smile. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort, from everyone, who made these happen.

Thank you.

V/r,  
Joshua S.

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Blue Star Families of Central Virginia,

On behalf of the team here in Afghanistan, thank you for supporting us. We truly appreciate your notes and care packages – everyone loved all of the contents! Thank you again for reaching out to us, our work becomes easier knowing we have amazing communities from back home continuing to support all of us.

Very Respectfully,  
Sungkuyn "Eddie" C.

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Dear Blue Star Families of Central Virginia:

Thank you for your (repeated) acts of kindness in sending us your thoughts, love, and most of all candy! We're so grateful for them, and it means the world to receive it, over and over. I've attached a photo of myself and some colleagues. We come from several different countries, but all work toward the same mission. We're glad to have your support as we do it. Many thanks, and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Kind regards,  
Micah S.